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Congressman Larson and his Youth Advisory Cabinet to Participate in Public Hearing

Hosted by the CT General Assembly's Task Force on Children in the Recession

Hearing Begins Saturday at 10:00AM at Legislative Office Building, 10-11 a.m. Reserved for Youth Testimony

Hartford, CT- Saturday, December 5th at the Legislative Office Building, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson and his First Congressional Youth Cabinet will join Connecticut Speaker of the House Christopher Donovan and the Connecticut General Assembly Task Force on Children in the Recession for their first of five public hearings entitled "How is the Recession Affecting Your Family".

Youth Cabinet Member Calvin Brown of Bristol Eastern High School will provide an opening statement on behalf of the Youth Cabinet at the hearing and then introduce Congressman Larson for remarks.

Speaker Donovan created the Task Force on Children in the Recession to identify ways of

meeting the needs of Connecticut's youngest and most vulnerable citizens during our state's current economic crisis. Members of Larson's Youth Cabinet assisted in the planning and setup of the hearing with Speaker Donovan's office and the Connecticut Commission on Children.

The First Congressional Youth Cabinet, the first youth advisory board of its kind in the nation, provides information and insight to Congressman Larson on issues facing young Americans across the nation. Introduced in February 2009, the cabinet was created to foster a stronger relationship between the young people of the district and their government officials by providing them a unique prospectus and voice on public service issues facing youth today.

During the public hearing, Youth Cabinet members will serve on the dais with Task Force members and assist in asking questions to individuals and organizations testifying. In addition, they will serve as "Comfort Monitors" to other children and youth by explaining the public hearing process and assist in decreasing uneasiness or apprehension of testifying in front of adults.

What: Public Hearing on "How is the Recession Affecting Your Family"

Who: □ Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)

1st Congressional District Youth Cabinet

Connecticut Speaker of the House Christopher Donovan

Task Force on Children in the Recession

When: Saturday December 5th 10AM

Where: Legislative Office Building, Room 2C

300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

Of Note:

• 10-11 a.m. is reserved for youth testimony; general public testimony will follow.

• All testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.